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1. SUMMARY. AFTER INTRODUCTORY ITEMS AND GENERAL STATEMENTS BY
FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTERS AND OTHER HEADS OF DELEGATIONS,
CONFERENCE DEBATE CENTERED ON SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS: AGRARIAN
REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVEL-
OPING COUNTRIES, AND PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN AGRICUL-
TURAL PRODUCTS OF LATIN AMERICA. ADDED TO THE AGENDA WAS A DIS-
CUSSION OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER OUTBREAK IN LATIN AMERICA. REPORT
OF CEPAL/FAO TECHNICAL MEETING WHICH PREDEDED REGIONAL CONFERENCE
WAS ADOPTED, INCLUDING RESOLUTION ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT. OTHER RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED ON TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC). AFRICAN
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SWINE FEVER, AND PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. OPERATIVE
CLAUSES ARE TRANSMITTED HEREIN. OVERALL TONE OF CONFERENCE WAS
QUITE GOOD AND CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESS. DG ANNOUNCED APPOINT-
MENTS OF LATIN AMERICANS TO TWO SENIOR POSTS. END SUMMARY.

2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS: FOLLOWING IMPRESSIVE INAUGURAL CEREMONY
WITH SPEECH BY PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY, FAO DG SAOUMA OPENED CON-

ERENCE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF 21 GOVERNMENTS (1 MINISTERS) PLUS OBSERVERS (US, FRG, SPAIN, NETHERLANDS, HOLY SEE, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS). OFFICERS ELECTED: CHAIRMAN - MINISTER L.H. MEYER (URUGUAY); FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - MINISTER R. AGUILERA (EL SALVADOR); SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - MINISTER A. PAULINELLI (BRAZIL); AND RAPPORTEUR - MINISTER P. MONCAYO (ECUADOR), WHO CHAIRED DRAFTING COMMITTEE (ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COSTA RICA, CUBA, HAITI, MEXICO, VENEZUELA).

3. STATEMENT BY DG SAOUMA EMPHASIZED NEED TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN LDCS AND CONTINUED CONCERN OVER WORLDWIDE FOOD SITUATION AND RATE OF LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL GROWTH. CONCERN ALSO EXPRESSED OVER OUTBREAK OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN LATIN AMERICA AND STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL GRAIN AGREEMENT. OTHER POINTS EMPHASIZED WERE NEED FOR SYSTEMATIC POLICY OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF RURAL MASSES INTO PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT, DG'S SUPPORT OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (WCARRD), REGIONAL COOPERATION WITH ECLA AND SELA, DECENTRALIZATION OF ACTIVITIES OF FAO AND SUPPORT OF TCDC CONFERENCE. DG BEMOANED THAT NIEO ESTABLISHMENT IS PROCEEDING AT SNAIL'S PACE, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE HAS NOT YET LED TO AGREEMENT, MTN IS DRAGGING, AND UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS ARE MARKING TIME. HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT MTN WILL BE PRODUCTIVE FOR LDCS AND THAT GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS UNDER INTEGRATED UNCTAD PROGRAM WILL STABILIZE PRICES AND MARKETS FOR PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES. THE SPEECH WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH COLOMBIA (BULA HOYOS)

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QUESTIONED WHETHER FAO'S DECENTRALIZATION WAS MUCH MORE THAN NAME CHANGES AND SUGGESTED FAO GIVE UP SOME OF ITS PREACHING AND STICK TO OBJECTIVES UNDER WHICH IT WAS FORMED.

4. STATEMENTS BY REP OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (FRALEIGH) AND VICE PRES. IFAD (BIRNBAUM) WERE ESSENTIALLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES OF WFP AND IFAD. ALTHOUGH WELL-RECEIVED, THEY ELICITED NO DISCUSSION.

5. AGENDA ITEM IV, "GENERAL DEBATE ON SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN LATIN AMERICA," WAS USED AS FORUM FOR COUNTRY STATEMENTS AND GENERAL STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS COVERING ALL ITEMS OF AGENDA. THE ELEVEN SPEAKERS FOCUSED ON PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS IN THEIR COUNTRIES IN AGRARIAN REFORM AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO SUPPORTED TCDC AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROBLEMS OF LDCS. TONE OF SPEECHES WAS LOW KEY. COMMENTS WERE USUAL AND WITHOUT SURPRISES.

6. A) SESSION ON AGENDA ITEM V-1 (AGRARIAN REFORM) STARTED WITH PRESENTATION OF CEPAL/FAO TECHNICAL MEETING REPORT, (SEE REFTEL) BY URUGUAYAN DELEGATE FOR CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. WITH EXCEPTION OF ARGENTINA, WHO OFFERED QUALIFIED SUPPORT, ALL

DELEGATIONS WHO TOOK THE FLOOR SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE
REPORT. DELEGATIONS WHO SPOKE WERE: CHILE, BOLIVIA, CUBA,

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BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, MEXICO, URUGUAY, PANAMA AND COLOMBIA.

THESE DELEGATIONS, EXCEPT COLOMBIA, ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR
FORTHCOMING FAO WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT.

B) AS A RULE ALL DELEGATIONS OFFERED FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC
DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH COUNTRY'S ACHIEVEMENT IN AGRARIAN REFORM
DURING LAST 20 YEARS. THE STATEMENT IN FAO'S BACKGROUND PAPER
FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM THAT NOTHING SIGNIFICANT HAS BEEN DONE IN
TERMS OF AGRARIAN REFORM BY MANY IF NOT MOST LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES WAS IGNORED. FROM PRESENTATIONS MADE ONE COULD BELIEVE
THAT HARDLY ANYTHING REMAINS TO BE DONE EXCEPT TO PROCEED WITH
RURAL DEVELOPMENT. IN GENERAL, COUNTRIES, SUCH AS CHILE,
ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL, MADE WELL ARTICULATED PRESENT-
ATIONS DEFENDING ROLE OF FREE MARKET AS MOST EFFICIENT ALLOCATOR
OF RESOURCES, EMPHASIZING BENEFICIAL ASPECTS OF REALISTIC
PRICES ON EFFICIENCY. LITTLE WAS SAID ABOUT SHORT TERM SOCIAL
COSTS SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE PAID AS A RESULT OF RAPID
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LIBERALIZATION.

C) ONLY REAL SPARK OF DEBATE RESULTED FROM COLOMBIAN INTERVENTION. DELEGATE BULA HOYOS SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED FAO'S EMPHASIS ON WCARRD'S IMPORTANCE AND CAUTIONED AGAINST DEMAGOGERY WITHOUT SUBSTANCE. HE ALSO MADE COMPARISON OF AO AND CURRENT WORLD CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP EFFORTS WITH EFFORT BY ROMAN EMPIRE TO COLONIZE AND CIVILIZE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN. FURTHERMORE, HE COMPARED CURRENT FAO WCARRD EFFORTS WITH MUSSOLINI'S PREPARATION OF INVASION OF ABYSSINIA FROM THE VERY SAME BUILDING CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY FAO. AT THIS POINT, FAO SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE SANTA CRUZ LOST CONTROL AND STARTED BANGING ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TABLE AND SHOUTING, THUS INTERRUPTING THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATE'S PRESENTATION. AS IS USUAL IN THESE CASES, PROTESTS BY COLOMBIA - FOR UNWARRANTED INTERRUPTION - AND LATER MUTUAL APOLOGIES FROM BOTH SANTA CRUZ AND BULA HOYOS - END THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, COLOMBIAN MESSAGE REMAINED CLEAR -- THE WCARRD WILL BE USEFUL ONLY IF IT LEADS TO ACTION, AS MORE THAN ENOUGH STUDIES AND EMPTY DECLARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST ON AGRARIAN REFORM.

D) ALSO OF INTEREST WAS ATTEMPT TO LINK ACHIEVEMENT OF NIEO WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF AGRARIAN REFORM. DISCUSSION OF THIS LINK WAS AT BEST SUPERFICIAL AND HORTATORY.

7. DISCUSSION OF SECOND PART OF AGENDA ITEM V-1 ON THE STATE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT FOLLOWED. NO INITIAL PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY THE SECRETARIAT. DISCUSSION WAS SHORT AND FAIRLY PERFUNCTORY. ONLY HAITI, MEXICO AND URUGUAY OFFERED COMMENTS WHICH MADE EMPHASIS ON NEED TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF DESERTIFICATION IN THE CONTROL OF GENERAL VULNERABILITY OF ALL COUNTRIES. POINT WAS ALSO MADE ON NEED TO FOCUS MORE ON SOIL DEPLETION AND, OVERALL, ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRATION.

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8. AGENDA ITEM V.2 (TCDC) WAS DISCUSSED NEXT. MR. YRIART OF FAO MADE A LONG PRESENTATION ON THE THEME WHICH EMPHASIZED ADVANTAGES OF TCDC. FOCUS OF PRESENTATION WAS TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC AND NOT POLITICAL. MR. YRIART HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE TCDC TYPE PRORRAMS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY UNDER FAO SPONSORSHIP AND REFERRED TO OTHER UN SYSTEM EFFORTS TO STIMULATE "HORIZONTAL COOPERATION." DISCUSSION INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS BY EIGHT COUNTRIES: MEXICO, CUBA, ECUADOR, URUGUAY, COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA, CHILE AND BRAZIL. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CUBA, WHO SUBMITTED TCDC SHOULD BE A NEGOTIATION INSTRUMENT OF NIEO, DELEGATIONS FOCUSED MORE ON WHAT THEY COULD OFFER AND WHAT THEY NEEDED IN THE WAY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. OVERALL DISCUSSION WAS

ILLUMINATING AND POSITIVE.

9. THE ISSUE OF TRADE PROBLEMS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WAS INTRODUCED WITH A SUMMARY OF LARC/78/4 BY THE SECRETARIAT. ALL DELEGATES (9) SPEAKING TO THIS ISSUE ENDORSED THE ANALYSIS OF THE SECRETARIAT AND ENCOURAGED FURTHER FAO INVOLVEMENT IN TRADE POLICY ISSUES. OTHER DEL REMARKS ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

- A) TRADE RESTRICTIVE POLICIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH RETARD GROWTH OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY EXPORTS AND THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
- B) NEED FOR A UNIFIED LATIN AMERICAN TRADE POLICY TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPACT OF THE REGION IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
- C) LACK OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY COMMITMENT TO NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AS EVIDENCED BY LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE MTN, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SPECIAL AND DEFERENTIAL TREATMENT.
- D) CONCERN WITH DIFFICULTY IN RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) BY THE U.S. CONGRESS -- THIS FROM THE ARGENTINE DEL WHOSE EXPORT INTEREST IN SUGAR IS MINIMAL COMPARED WITH OTHERS.
- E) RESTRICTIVE AND DISRUPTIVE NATURE OF THE EC CAP.

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10. REGARDING AGENDA ITEM VI.1 "IMPLEMENTATION OF FAO PRIORITY PROGRAMME IN THE REGION," MORAL LOPEZ, ASSISTANT DG OF FAO

AND REGIONAL REP. FOR LA, BRIEFLY REVIEWED FAO PROGRAMS IN REGION DURING PAST BIENNium. AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IS GETTING ATTENTION UNDER TCP. SOME EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO USE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PRODUCTION OF BASIC FOOD CROPS, AND NEEDS OF SMALL FARMER AND RURAL POOR. HE SAID LEGUMINOUS FOOD CROPS NEED MORE ATTENTION. AS PROOF OF ACTION ORIENTATION OF FAO, HE CITED THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM (TCP) AND NEW PROGRAM FOR PREVENTION OF FOOD LOSSES WHICH WILL PERMIT FAO TO OPERATE DIRECTLY IN COUNTRIES WITH ITS OWN FUNDS. HE NOTED THAT REGIONAL OFFICE HAS FIVE NEW TECHNICAL OFFICERS IN FIELDS OF REXTERNAL TRADE, AGRO-INDUSTRY, PREVENTION OF FOOD LOSSES, URRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PLANT PRODUCTION. STATEMENT WAS WELL RECEIVED BUT EVOKED LITTLE DISCUSSION.

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11. UNDER OTHER SUBJECTS, CONFERENCE DECIDED TO CONTINUE COSTA RICA AND ERU AS LA REPRESENTATIVES ON CGIAR. THEIR NEW TERMS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1980. ALSO, COLOMBIA THANKED DG FOR RESTRICTING CONFERENCE FULL MEMBERSHIP TO MEMBER NATIONS SERVICED BY REGIONAL OFFICE AND THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ALSO FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES. DURING ADOPTING OF REPORT, OBSERVER DELEGATE FROM NETHERLANDS INTERVENED TO NOTE THAT NETHERLANDS DOES NOT CONSIDER BEING OBSERVER AT PRESENT CONFERENCE TO BE PRECEDENT APPLYING TO FUTURE CONFERENCES.

12. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LA WAS LEFT TO DISCRETION OF AO'S DG. GUATEMALA OFFICIALLY OFFERED TO HOST NEXT REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND OTHER OFFICIAL INVITATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY DG IN NEAR FUTURE.

13. RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE ON FOLLOWING FOUR SUBJECTS:

- A) AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT;
 - B) AFRICAN SWINE FEVER EMERGENCY IN LATIN AMERICA;
 - C) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC);
 - D) INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.
- AGRARIAN REFORM RESOLUTION WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS PROPOSED BY CEPAL/FAO TECHNICAL MEETING; OPERATIVE CLAUSES WERE REPORTED IN REFTEL. OPERATIVE CLAUSES OF OTHER THREE RESOLUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (TO BE MODIFIED SLIGHTLY IN FINAL REPORT):

RESOLVES:

- 1) TO THANK THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO FOR THE

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PROMPT RESPONSE GIVEN BY THE ORGANIZATION TO THE EMERGENCY THROUGH RAPID ACTIONS, IN PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE ORGANIZATION'S TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME;

2) TO RECOMMEND THAT FAO CONTINUE TO ACT AS THE COORDINATING BODY IN THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION AND KEEP THE MEMBER COUNTRIES INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE SITUATION.

3) TO RECOMMEND TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO THAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, HE RECEIVE OFFERS OF SITES AND IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RESULTING HOST COUNTRY, IN THE MOST RAPID WAY POSSIBLE, CONVENE A MEETING FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORKING PARTY, TO CONSIST OF GOVERNMENT SPECIALISTS IN THE SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FAO AND GRULA, TO DRAW UP THE PROJECT FOR THE CREATION OF THE FUND.

4) THE CONFERENCE URGES THE GOVERNMENTS, REGIONAL AND WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATIONS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, TO SUPPORT FAO'S ACTION IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.
B. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC):

RECOMMENDS:

1) THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TCDC BE REAFFIRMED AS A MEANS FOR MOBILIZING COUNTRIES' RESOURCES FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN COLLECTIVE CONFIDENCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION;
2) THAT IT BE REAFFIRMED ALSO THAT THE TCDC IS ONE OF THE MEANS FOR ACHIEVING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER;

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3) THAT THE POLICY OF STRENGTHENING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
AND THEIR PARTICIPATION AS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT
FOR ALLOWING THE COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE AND RECEIVE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION BE REAFFIRMED.

4) THAT THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH THE FAO REGIONAL
OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICA SHOULD PLAY IN THE PROMOTION
OF THE TCDC, FOR WHICH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTRY
REPRESENTATIVES IS ESSENTIAL, BE AFFIRMED.

5) THAT GOVERNMENTS BE INVITED TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE
SERVICES AND EXPERIENCE OF FAO TO FACILITATE THE
IDENTIFICATION OF THEIR TECHNICAL COOPERATION
NEEDS AND THE CAPACITY OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS TO
PROVIDE THIS COOPERATION AND TO FORMULATE PROJECTS
FOR THAT PURPOSE.

6) ALSO REQUESTS FAO TO:
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I) CONTINUE TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORT ROLE IN
THE PROMOTION OF THE TCDC;

II) CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
PARTICULARLY WITH SELA AND ITS ACTION COMMITTEES
SO AS TO PROMOTE THE TCDC FURTHER AT THE LATIN
AMERICAN LEVEL.

III) COLLABORATE WITH GOVERNMENTS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROMOTE THE EXISTING ONES,
IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF EXPERIENCES,
COOPERATING IN THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF
PROJECTS.

IV) BEAR IN MIND IN THE ELABORATION OF HIS NEXT

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET AND ADVISABILITY
OF PROVIDING THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME
WITH GREATER RESOURCES SO THAT IT CAN ASSIST
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL
COOPERATION TO INSTITUTIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIESV

V) ADOPT ADEQUATE INFORMATION POLICIES WHICH WILL
SERVE TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES THAT ARE IMPEDING
THE REAL UTILIZATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

VI) PROMOTE AN INCREASING USE OF EXPERTS AND EQUIPMENT
FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN FIELD PROGRAMMES
OF THE ORGANIZATION.

C. INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
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RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND TO MEMBER NATIONS AND TO THE
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO:

1) THAT THEY URGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY
THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO ADOPT TRADE POLICIES
AIMED AT STABILIZING INTERNATIONAL MARKETS, SO THAT
THE LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE MAY OFFER MORE FAVORABLE
CONDITIONS FOR THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

2) THAT EFFORTS BE INCREASED IN SUPPORT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME
FOR COMMODITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNCTAD RESOLUTION
93 (IV), AS REGARDS BOTH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
COMMON FUND AND THE ACTIVATION OF COMMODITY MEETINGS.
FOR THIS PURPOSE THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL
UNDERTAKE JOINT AND COORDINATED ACTION IN THE VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL FORA IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY NEGOTIATING
PROPOSALS AIMED AT ACHIEVING THE PROPOSALS MADE FOR
THE EATABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER.

3) THAT IN ALL THE MEETINGS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS
ON COMMODITIES AND OF THE FAO COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY
PROBLEMS, THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION EXHORT THE
OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO STRESS THAT, UNLESS
SUITABLE INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR EACH COMMODITY
ARE ADOPTED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
APPROACH CONTAINED IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV), THE
STABLIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL PRICES IN REAL TERMS
WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE SHORT OR THE MEDIUM TERM.

4) THAT WITHIN THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS,
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AGREE ON SPECIFIC MACHINCERY TO
GUARANTEE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITHIN THE
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CONTEXT OF A PROGRESSIVE LIBERALIZATION OF THE TRADE
IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, OF GROWING AND CONTINUOUS
ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, IN

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ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLEDGE MADE IN THE TOKYO
DECLARATION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL AND
MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
5) TO EXPRESS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THE CONCERN
OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGIONAL AT THE LACK OF POLITICAL
WILL ON THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO AGREE
TO NEGOTIATE COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS
ON COMMODITIES, WHICH HAS BECOME WORESE IN THE LAST
TWO YEARS, RESULTING IN AN ALMOST COMPLETE LACK OF
PROGRESS IN PREPARATORY NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE

FRAMEWORK OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES
TO WHICH UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV) REFERS.

6) TO ENCOURAGE THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE
PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HELD IN MEXICO, AND
SUPPORT THE MEASURES IN CONNECTION WITH EXTERNAL TRADE
WHICH WERE APPROVED AT THIS CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS
THE ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE UNCTAD DIVISION
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OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
WHICH AIM AT ACHIEVING WORLD CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF
THE AFORESAID PROGRAMME.

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IN FINAL STATEMENT EXPRESSED VIEW OF ALL THAT CONFERENCE
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RECENT APPOINTMENTS OF TWO LATIN AMERICANS TO SENIOR FAO
POSTS: MR. MARCOS FLORES RODAS (HONDURAS) AS ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR FOR FORESTRY DEPARTMENT; AND MR. RAFAEL MORENO
(CHILE) AS DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES,
RURAL INSTITUTIONS AND AGRARIAN REFORM.

15. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF STATEMENT BY NETHERLANDS CONSIDERING
THEIR OBSERVER STATUS NO PRECEDENT, OBSERVER DELEGATIONS
REPRESENTING FAO MEMBER NATIONS (INCLUDING US) MADE NO
INTERVENTIONS IN CONFERENCE SESSIONS, BUT DID CONDUCT
CORRIDOR DISCUSSIONS.
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